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## PERIODICALS

The REVIEW is indebted to Robert F. Foerster for abstracts of articles in Italian periodicals, and to R. S. Saby for abstracts of articles in Danish and Swedish periodicals.

### Theory

(Abstracts by W. M. Adriance)

ALLIX, E. *La méthode et la conception de l'économie politique dans l'oeuvre de J. B. Say*. Rev. d'Hist. Doc. Econ., 4, 1911. Pp. 40.

Part of a forthcoming book, *J. B. Say et la formation de la doctrine économique libérale en France*. A painstaking study of the method and views of Say, and his place in the history of economic thought.

CARLTON, F. T. *Price and rent*. Quart. Journ. Econ., May, 1912. Pp. 4.

The presence or absence of physical deterioration is the distinguishing feature between interest and rent.

CLEMENT, H. *La méthode de Karl Marx*. Réf. Soc., Apr. 16, May 1, 1912. Pp. 24.

Rather a general indictment of socialism than a serious discussion of the method of Karl Marx. A good example of the wrong sort of criticism of socialism.

CONRAD, J. *Böhm-Bawerks Kritik der socialistischen Zinstheorie*. Zeitschr. f. Volkswirtsch., XX, 4, 1911. Pp. 30.

Böhm-Bawerk opens the pages of the *Zeitschrift* for the expression of views directly antithetical to his own. Conrad, to be sure, accepts Böhm-Bawerk's theory of interest, but aims to re-establish the contention that rent and interest are exploitation. He holds that labor alone is "productive." Land and capital—as a part of "nature" simply furnish objectively the field for man's activity. The argument is so clearly stated, that its readers will be anxious to see the reply which Böhm-Bawerk apparently contemplates making.

FEILBOGEN. *L'école autrichienne d'économie politique*. Journ des Econ., Apr. & May, 1912. Pp. 25.

A continuation. Deals with Wieser's work.

GUYOT, Y. *M. G. de Molinari*. Journ. des Econ., Feb. 15, 1912. Pp. 19.

A brief account of Molinari's life with an appreciation of his work and a summary of his economic theories.

HANEY, L. H. *Everyday economic errors*. Univ. of Texas Bull., Apr. 22, 1912. Pp. 21.

In very short compass Professor Haney refutes current fallacies on the "balance of trade," "overproduction," the "go easy" policy of workmen, waste and luxury, rents determining prices, the function of middlemen and speculators, farmers' profits, "natural price," etc.

OSWALT, H. *Eine neue Begründung der Arbeitskostentheorie*. Zeitschr. f. Socialwis., Mar., 1912. Pp. 4.

A review of Conrad's article, an abstract of which is given above. Conrad's views are hardly given the respectful consideration they deserve.

SPEDDEN, E. R. *Is the study of economics useful for the engineer?* Sib. Journ. of Engg., Apr., 1912.

Gives an affirmative answer.

### Economic History

(Abstracts by Clive Day)

ADAMS, C. C. *Foundations of economic progress in tropical Africa.* Bull. Amer. Geog. Soc., Oct., 1911. Pp. 13.

ALCORTA, Q. *Aperçu sur la situation économique de la République Argentine.* Rev. Econ. de Bordeaux, Mar.-Apr., 1912. Pp. 16.

Statistical survey.

BERUSKY, H. *Einiges über das Erbrecht der Naturvölker. III.* Zeitschr. f. Socialw., Dec., 1911. Pp. 13.

An ethnographic study based on a wide range of material.

BOND, B. W. *The quit-rent system in the American colonies.* Am. Hist. Rev., Apr., 1912. Pp. 20.

A substantial contribution on an important feature of colonial land tenure.

BURPEE, L. J. *A chapter in the literature of the fur trade.* Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America, Vol. V, 1910.

CLARKE, M. P. *The Board of Trade at work.* Am. Hist. Rev., Oct., 1911.

Study of organization and procedure of the most important organ of colonial administration in the eighteenth century.

DEICHMAN, C. F. *Great industrial development of Kyushu, Japan.* Far East Rev., Feb., 1912.

DEPITRE, E. *La prohibition du commerce et de l'industrie des toiles peintes aux XVII<sup>e</sup> et XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècles.* Rev. d'Hist. Doc. Econ., No. 4, 1911. Pp. 20.

A scholarly and important contribution to French economic history.

DOUGLAS, J. *The industrial progress of the United States of America.* Journ. Soc. of Arts, Nov. 24, 1911.

Interesting review of the influences that have caused the rapid development, the important legislation, etc. Also discussion.

GARVIE, A. E. *Contemporary social developments in Canada.* Sociol. Rev., Jan., 1912. Pp. 15.

General survey followed by discussion of land laws, treatment of Orientals, relations to United States and United Kingdom.

GRETTON, R. H. *Lot-meadow customs at Yarnton, Oxon.* Econ. Journ., Mar., 1912. Pp. 9.

A description of a system of allotment, still practiced in some Thames meadows, and suggestive speculations on its early history.

HAYEM, J. *Mémoires et documents pour servir à l'histoire du commerce et de l'industrie en France. Les inspecteurs des manufactures.* Rev. Intern. du Com., Mar. 31, 1912. Pp. 26.

A useful study, based largely on unprinted material, of a characteristic office of the old régime, from its establishment by Colbert to its abolition during the French Revolution.

ISNARD, E. *L'industrie de la soie en Provence au XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle.* Rev. Intern. de Sociol., No. 1, 1911.

LEROY-BEAULIEU, P. *Le mouvement des successions en France depuis le commencement du siècle.* L'Econ. Franç., Feb. 3, 1912. Pp. 2.

The estates of decedents, appraised for taxation in France, have shown a tendency to decline rather than to increase in annual value, since 1900. The author discusses possible explanations—decrease in mortality crises, rise in rate of interest, evasion of the inheritance tax; and fixes the chief responsibility on the last named.

MARTIN, G. *La Fronde et les rentiers.* C.R. Acad. des Sciences Morales, Sept.-Oct., 1911. Pp. 27.

MAUNIER, R. *Les idées politiques et économiques d'un cultivateur en l'an V.* Rev. Hist. de la Révolution Franç., Oct.-Dec., 1911. Pp. 14.

Analysis of Lovatt's *Du Contrat Social*.

DE MOKEEVSKY, A. *La réforme agraire en Russie.* Rev. d. Deux-Mondes, Jan. 16, 1912.

MOORE, S. C. *The industrial evolution of a manufacturing village.* Econ. Journ., Dec., 1911. Pp. 11.

Interesting study of the development of fustian manufacture, since the eighteenth century, at Hebden Bridge in Yorkshire.

NITTI, F. *Some demographic and economic information on Italy in the last fifty years.* Bull. Bur. Econ. & Social Intelligence, Feb., 1912. Pp. 8.

An address by the Italian minister of agriculture, chiefly statistical.

NOYES, A. D. *Politics and prosperity.* Atlantic, Feb., 1912. Pp. 12.

PALMIERI, P. A. *La Finlandia agricola e commerciale.* Riv. Intern., Feb., 1912.

Review of the economic progress of Finland during half a century.

PEREZ, L. M. *Labor bibliografica.* Revista Bimestre Cubana, May-June, et seq., 1911.

Many titles of interest to economics are included in this list of works printed in Cuba, or elsewhere with reference to Cuba, for the period 1800-1825. The bibliography runs through several numbers of the "Revista."

PHILLIPS, M. *The South Sea bubble.* Journ. Inst. Bankers, Mar., 1912. Pp. 25.

Contains reproductions of South Sea playing cards and of the Bubbler's Mirrour; a contemporary broadside.

- PLATON, G. *Les banquiers dans la législation de Justinien*. Nouvelle Rev. Hist. de Droit, Mar.-Apr., 1911.
- POHLE, L. *Das Wirtschaftsjahr 1911 und die wirtschaftlichen Aussichten*. Zeitschr. f. Socialwis., Feb., 1912. Pp. 13.
- QUESSETTE, F. *L'administration financière des Etats de Bretagne de 1689 à 1715*. Annales de Bretagne, Apr., 1911. Pp. 23.
- RADCLIFFE, W. L. *The early development of the linen trade in Ulster*. Clare Market Rev., Nov., 1911.
- STOWESAND, W. *Die wirtschaftliche Gesetzgebung der deutschen Bundesstaaten im Jahre 1910*. Jahrb. f. Nat. Oek., Aug., 1911.
- WHELPLEY, J. D. *Italy's economic outlook*. Century, Apr., 1912. Pp. 22.
- WILSON, B. *The economic legislation of 1911*. Econ. Journ., Mar., 1912. Pp. 11.

Summary of the Acts of Parliament, excluding the National Insurance Act.

### Economic Geography

(Abstracts by E. V. D. Robinson)

- ADIGARD, P. *Une nouvelle richesse nationale: le fer dans l'ouest de la France*. Réf. Soc., May, 1912.

Iron deposits were worked in west of France in ancient and mediaeval times, and even after the Revolution, but their location and even existence were forgotten till 1898. The present output in Normandy is rapidly increasing. There are also deposits in Brittany and Anjou. Part of the output goes to the furnaces in the north of France, part is exported in return for English and German coal. Wages in those districts have already risen, foreign workmen have come in, and a typical industrial revolution is in progress.

- BARR, G. W. *Harnessing the Mississippi to electric generators*. Rev. Rev., Apr., 1912.

The Keokuk dam will make possible 300,000 h. p.—over half of all now developed on both sides at Niagara. It will also provide deep water navigation over the Des Moines rapids. Next to Panama it is the greatest engineering feat of the age.

- BRASHEARS, W. F. *Illinois' water-power water-way*. Public Service, Apr., 1912.

The proposed bond issue is "a twenty-million-dollar plum, dangling tantalizingly before the glistening eyes and watering mouths of the Illinois politicians." The water power feature of it is not practical in either an engineering or a financial sense.

- BROOKS, B. *Water and power in industry—The power planters*. Scribner, May, 1912.

A popular article, well written and well illustrated, on the construction of hydro-electric plants.

- GILLETTE, H. P. *The appraisal of water rights*. Engg. & Con., April 17, 1912.

Larger "multiplier" usually necessary in case of land for water power purposes than for railways, because no substitute routes possible; though rate per acre may be lower when area involved is larger. Multiplier largest on small watershed near great city. Company is entitled to be recouped for depreciation, whether of pump or watershed.

LAURENT, T. *Le développement économique de la France. L'industrie métallurgique.* Mus. Soc. Mém., Apr., 1912.

A usable sketch of the development of the iron industry in France during the last century, largely statistical in character. The others of the same series treat agriculture and textiles of France.

McCOURT, W. E. *A philosophy of geography.* Pop. Sci. Mo., June, 1912.

Geography is not merely a matter of location but of natural controls of life. Interesting collection of examples showing extent of environmental influences.

McKIBBEN, F. P. *Alaska: A much misunderstood territory.* Engg. Mag., May, 1912.

Coast region has immense undeveloped water power. Greatest need is centralized government by a commission, as in Canal Zone. Best plan for mineral development is a leasing system.

MERRILL, O. C. *Water power development under government control.* Eng. Rec., Apr. 27, 1912.

Regulation of water power companies dates back to 1851 in France and 1878 in this country, but has developed most rapidly in the last ten years. Control is local in some countries, national in others, and varies from fixing conditions of franchise, as in most of the American states, to detailed supervision, as in Italy and Switzerland. The federal government, in this country, limits its action to control of power sites on public domain and the exaction of a reasonable rental.

PAWLOWSKY, A. *Le minerai de fer en Anjou et en Bretagne.* Journ. des Econ., Apr. 15, 1912.

These deposits occupy a series of synclines extending as far south as Nantes and appear to be prolongations of the Norman deposits. The mineral is, however, not usually carbonate, but magnetite or hematite. The principal districts are about Segré and Châteaubriant. These deposits were known in previous centuries but were lost sight of again until after 1870, and remained practically unused till after 1900.

DES ROTOURS, A. and others. *Une nouvelle richesse nationale: le fer dans l'ouest de la France.* Réf. Soc., Apr. 16, 1912.

A discussion of the paper by M. Adigard, devoted chiefly to the question of foreign capital and foreign workmen in the French iron mines.

ROYCE, F. P. *A consideration of the report of commissioner of corporations on water power development in the United States.* Stone & Webster Pub. Serv. Journ., May, 1912.

Concentration of control is due to nature, the large powers being

few and at the same time most economical in operation. Competition is wasteful, while consolidation makes for economy and efficiency.

RUEGG, S. G. *What coöperation is doing for the German beet sugar industry.* Am. Sugar Industry, May, 1912.

Anticipating a surplus of sugar in the world market, all classes in Germany interested in the sugar industry have formed an organization to secure the removal of the consumption tax on sugar and by a great variety of means extend the use of sugar in Germany.

RUSHMORE, D. B. *Water power in industrial life.* Scribner, May, 1912.

A rather disconnected account of notable power plants, with some striking illustrations and maps of long distance transmission systems.

TOBELL, J. *Betrachtungen und Vorschläge zur Wasserrechtsgesetznovelle.* Elektrotech u. Maschinenbau, Mar. 24, 1912.

UNSTEAD, J. F. *The cultivation of wheat in North America.* Geog. Journ., Apr.-May, 1912.

Present limits are economic, but these tend in the long run to approximate the physical limits. Most of article is devoted to extremely careful statistical study of physical limits and their causes. A thorough piece of work of permanent value.

————— *The final report of the national waterways commission.* Engg. News. Apr. 25, 1912.

Inland water transportation is decreasing, especially on upper Mississippi. Commission nevertheless recommends the Lake Erie-Ohio River project; also that Interstate Commerce Commission be empowered to compel connection and through rates over joint land and water lines. Discusses thoroughly all aspects of water conservation.

## Railways

(Abstracts by Ernest R. Dewsnup)

ALLEN, W. F. *Railways and nationalization in the United States, apropos of a work by Mr. E. A. Pratt.* Bul. Int. Ry. Cong., Apr., 1912.

BAKER, J. N. *The fourth section, or the long and short haul.* Yale Law Journ., Feb., 1912.

"No rate to an intermediate point can be reasonable so long as the carrier is maintaining at the more distant point a lower rate, except in so far as that lower rate is compelled by causes which the carrier does not control."

BISHOP, A. L. *The Hudson Bay route, a new outlet for Canadian wheat.* Ry. Age Gaz., Apr. 26, 1912. Pp. 2½.

Route will be reasonably safe from July to October. The difficulties in operation of railway from The Pas to Hudson Bay will not be insuperable.

COLSON, C. *Results of operation of the French state railways, 1909 to 1911.* Ry. Age Gaz., May 31, 1912. Pp. 3½.

Abstract of article in *Bulletin of International Railway Association.*

The operating results of 1908, 1909, 1910 are given, showing continued financial deterioration, unrelieved by any improvement in service. The nationalization of the Western system was unwise but improvement of the present condition is to be hoped for from the financial reorganization provided by the Act of 1911.

DELANE, F. A. *What is the matter with the railways?* Ry. Age Gaz., Apr. 19, 1912. Pp. 2.

Need of coöperation between the public and the railways. A profit-sharing arrangement is, perhaps, the only way in which an end can be put to hostile legislation.

DUNN, S. O. *Railway discrimination.* Journ. Pol. Econ., May, 1912. Pp. 25.

Recent instances of unfair discrimination are discussed and the conclusion is arrived at that, to meet such cases as are quoted, the Interstate Commerce Commission should be given power to fix minimum rates.

EMERSON, H. *The efficient manufacture of railway transportation.* Engg. Mag., June, 1912. Pp. 7.

Illustrates varying ideals of public service as manifested in the way in which different corporations treat the public.

LEROY-BEAULIEU, P. *Government railway operation in France.* Ry. Age Gaz., May 10, 1912. Pp. 2.

A translation of the editorial, an abstract of which appeared in the June number of the REVIEW (p. 467).

LEWIS, H. T. *Interest and profits in rate regulation: Practice of the Wisconsin Railroad Commission.* Pol. Sci. Quart., June, 1912. Pp. 21.

An explanation, largely in the words of the commission itself, of the principles upon which its decisions are based in the regulation of the rates of public utilities. Rates of interest and profit are allowed such as would exist, so far as can be ascertained, under similar conditions, competition being present.

RIPLEY, W. Z. *The commodity clause in railroad legislation.* Quart. Journ. Econ., May, 1912. Pp. 5.

Outlines the methods of reorganization of their coal-mining business adopted by the various anthracite roads under the pressure of the "commodity clause."

STOCKBRIDGE, F. P. *The parcels post.* World's Work, June, 1912.

SUFFERN, E. L. *The need of reconciliation between the railways and the public.* Engg. Mag., May, 1912. Pp. 5.

The railways would increase public interest in their financial needs if they would cultivate more effectually the good-will of the public.

SWAYZE, F. J. *The regulation of railway rates under the fourteenth amendment.* Quart. Journ. Econ., May, 1912. Pp. 36.

After explaining the significance of the decisions of the Supreme Court in the Granger and Minnesota rate cases, Judge Swayze examines the Nebraska rate cases and subsequent decisions, pointing out



that no definite rule was laid down regarding valuation, and that the law is still in a formative stage as regards the determination of reasonable value.

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*Effect of regulation in Texas.* Ry. & Engg. Rev., June 1, 1912.

P. 1.

An address prepared by the General Managers' Association of Texas. Freight rates in Texas are inadequate. Modification of existing stock and bond law is necessary to secure proper development of the railway system of the state.

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*F. C. Rice and the American Railway Association on accidents.*

Ry. Age Gaz., June 7, 1912. Pp. 1½.

Outlines the resolutions concerning railway trespassing and accident prevention passed by the association last May. A vast majority of the accidents that now occur could not be prevented by improvement of physical facilities, the human element being responsible.

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*Increase in fares on Illinois railway.* Elec. Ry. Journ., June 1, 1912. Pp. 2½.

Increase of fares by the Galesburg and Kewanee Electric Railway. The new rates were expected to produce an increase in revenue of 9.1 per cent, but only 4.2 per cent was secured, the number of passengers decreasing 4.1 per cent.

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*Injustice of freight "differentials" exposed.* Greater N. Y.,

May 27, 1912. P. 1.

Present differential system is urged by counsel, in argument before the Interstate Commerce Commission, to be an arbitrary discrimination against New York.

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*Proposed freight transportation in Chicago.* Elec. Ry. Journ.,

June 1, 1912. Pp. ½.

Urges the advantage of granting to all the surface and elevated railways of Chicago the power to carry package freight at night.

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*Some results of government railway operation in France.* Ry. &

Engg. Rev., June 8, 1912. Pp. 1.

Summary of M. Colson's article, for which see above.

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*The Panama toll question.* Ry. Age Gaz., May 31, 1912. Pp. 1.

The whole Panama Canal problem is being handled in a spirit of sectionalism, prejudice and political opportunism.

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*The tap-line case supplemental report.* Ry. Age Gaz., June 7, 1912. Pp. 2½.

The facts ascertained concerning certain tap-lines indicate that, in many respects, these lines are not observing the regulations of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

## Waterways

(Abstracts by Edwin J. Clapp)

ADAMSON, W. C. *Needed Panama canal legislation.* Independent, Mar. 21, 1912.

An argument against discrimination in Panama canal tolls in favor of American ships, coasting or otherwise. The exclusive right to engage in the coasting trade is already sufficient subsidy to American vessels.

B., L. *Bordeaux-Maritime*. Rev. Econ. Bordeaux, Nov.-Dec., 1911.

A detailed review of the clash of interests and inefficiency of administration which has hindered the authorized modernization of the port of Bordeaux. Present conditions of principal French ports.

LUDINGTON, A. C. *New York water terminals*. Nat. Munic. Rev., Jan., 1912.

An excellent survey of the New York Dock Department's plans to reorganize the Hudson River waterfront.

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— *The Chicago river and the Chicago harbor*. Engg. News, Mar. 21, 1912.

Advocates the construction of a harbor outside the city for the transshipment of through freight between rail and lake carriers. This freight is to go around the city on a belt line and not, as at present, contribute to the city's congestion. Local freight is to be landed on the shores of the Calumet and Chicago rivers, as at present, but relief is to be afforded by the construction on the lake shore of two huge city piers, at the mouth of the Chicago river.

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— *Debate on Panama canal tolls*. Mo. Bull. N. Y. Chamber of Commerce, Apr., 1912.

The Chamber of Commerce adopted a resolution calling on the President to use all means in his power, consistent with our treaty obligations, to have Panama canal tolls such as to protect American interests and serve the upbuilding of our merchant marine. "We advocate as a measure to this end that the rates of toll on vessels engaged in the coasting trade shall not be over one third the rate charged on vessels engaged in the deep sea business, or free if necessary to accomplish the purpose desired."

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— *Domestic commerce should be free*. Greater New York, Mar. 11, 1912.

Advocates a free Panama canal for coasting vessels. The same policy applied to internal improvements should be applied to the canal as used in interstate traffic.

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— *Report on Panama canal tolls*. Mo. Bull. N. Y. Chamber of Commerce, Mar., 1912. Pp. 5.

The Chamber's committee on foreign commerce reports in favor of toll of \$1 per ton upon all tonnage passing through the canal.

## Accounting

(Abstracts by John Bauer)

BENTLEY, H. C. *Standardization of accounting forms and methods*. Journ. Account., May, June, 1912.

Articles 3 and 4 of a series. Article 3 discusses the grouping and

arrangement of the items in the balance sheet, also the principles by which the various items should be valued. Article 4 is a discussion of the income statement: takes up the desirable title of the statement, the form and arrangement of items, and the sub-analysis of the statement. A typical balance sheet (in two forms) and a typical income statement (with sub-analysis) are given. Clear and suggestive short articles.

BOSHER, L. H. *Controlling accounts in cost accounting.* Journ. Account., June, 1912. Pp. 15.

In four parts: (1) classification of accounts; (2) collection of cost data; (3) controlling accounts; (4) monthly statements. A rather indefinite and too general discussion.

FEDERAL ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION. *Report on the accounting of-  
fices of the Treasury, with recommendations for the consolidation of the  
six auditors' offices into one office.* Gov. Account., May, 1912. Pp. 12.

The commission recommends that the present six auditors of the Treasury be replaced by the Auditor of the Treasury, and that all the auditing work of the government be consolidated. Uniformity of records and procedure would be secured, efficiency promoted, and a saving of over \$100,000 annually would be effected.

FRANKLIN, B. A. *Cost methods that give the executive control of his business.*  
V. *Labor from the cost viewpoint.* Engg. Mag., May, 1912.

The weekly pay-roll should show the total labor cost and an analysis of it. Forms are presented providing ready comparisons from week to week.

FRANKLIN, B. A. *Cost methods that give the executive control of his business.*  
VI. *The veiling question of expense.* Engg. Mag., June, 1912.

Discusses so-called indirect expenses, or over-head charges. Two points are important: (1) determining cost of salable articles; (2) keeping expenses under control. There is no absolute rule for correct apportionment of indirect expenses; the value of any rule adopted must be judged more from the second than the first point.

HEYDON, F. E. *Modern transportation accounting. II. Operating revenue.*  
Gov. Account., May, 1912. Pp. 6.

Discusses and illustrates the difficulty of determining absolutely what are operating and what are capital costs.

HUMPHREYS, D. G. *The value of buildings and machinery as a lender's security.* Accountant, May 25, 1912.

A suggestive article, written from the standpoint of English experience and law.

JENKINSON, M. W. *The promotion and accounts of a public limited company.*  
Accountant, June 1, 8, 15, 1912.

Describes procedure in the promotion of a company, and explains the various books of accounts that should be kept—according to English custom and practice.

LEONHAUSER, U. L. *A national fund for promoting efficient municipal accounting and reporting.* Gov. Account., May, 1912. Pp. 4.

Briefly describes the work carried on through the Metz fund establishing scientific and uniform accounting in cities.

LEONHAUSER, U. L. *Municipal accounting: the capital account balance sheet.* Gov. Account., May, 1912. Pp. 9.

Discusses the advantages of subdividing the general balance sheet of a city so as to bring in comparison the permanent properties with the bonded long-time debts.

MITCHELL, T. W. *Relation of cash discounts to goods valuation and to reserves for bad debts.* Journ. Account., May, 1912. Pp. 10.

Cash discounts offered and taken on sales are usually treated as *losses* to the seller and *gains* to the purchaser. This is wrong accounting. Discounted cash prices are *present* values of goods sold; undiscounted prices are *future* values, and include (1) interest on present values, (2) insurance on bad accounts. Therefore, if cash accounts offered are taken, the seller gets and the purchaser pays what is immediately due, there is neither loss nor gain; but, if the discounts are not taken, then the seller receives and the purchaser pays interest and insurance,—the opposite of the usual treatment. These facts should be shown by the accounts, and the article explains how this can be done. An unusually valuable article.

MOYER, M. S. *The audit of banks of discount and deposit.* (Second article.) Journ. Account., May, 1912. Pp. 5.

PAULA, F. R. M. DE. *A few notes on auditing.* Account., June 15, 1912.

Covers a wide variety of points on accounting, auditing and finance; pays particular attention to the auditing of depreciation.

PRENDERGAST, W. A. *Efficiency through accounting.* Ann. Am. Acad., May, 1912.

Holds that modern accounting cannot produce efficiency in city government, but clears the way for efficiency. Recounts the experience of New York city in getting control of the various classes of expenditures and in establishing standards of results.

TAUSSIG, B. J. *Results obtainable through reorganization of accounting methods (in cities).* Ann. Am. Acad., May, 1912.

Accounts should show revenues and costs, provide for measuring the efficiency of services, and keep control of municipal properties. The article is based upon the experience of St. Louis.

TAYLOR, G. *Municipal accounts.* Accountant, May 11, 1912. Pp. 7.

Show advantages of the "income and expenditures" accounts system over the "receipts and payments" system. Discusses a number of important points on English municipal accounting, both as required by law and as established by practice.

TURNER, E. H. *The repayment of loans of commercial and financial undertakings (sinking funds).* Accountant, Apr. 27, 1912.

Discusses the principles of a sinking fund, the kind of debts for whose extinguishment it should be used, interest rates earned and forms of investment.

WALTON, J. M. *The application to a municipality of modern methods of accounting and reporting.* Ann. Am. Acad., May, 1912.

The author is city controller of Philadelphia, and he describes the reorganization which was recently effected in the accounting methods of that city. Presents consolidated balance sheet of Philadelphia for December 31, 1911.

WYBE, W. C. *Profit and loss—or what?* Journ. Account., May, 1912. Pp. 4.

Suggests "Revenue and Expense" as a title for the statement showing the gains and costs for a given business period. About ten different terms are being used currently to designate this statement.

### Corporations and Trusts

(Abstracts by M. H. Robinson)

ALEXANDER, M. W. *Contribution of industrial combination to national welfare.* Ann. Am. Acad., July, 1912.

Advocates the creation of a "Department of Applied Economics" in every large combination, for the purpose of studying labor conditions and applying proper remedies.

BOLLING, R. C. *United States Steel corporation and labor conditions.* Ann. Am. Acad., July, 1912.

A detailed account of the work of the United States Steel corporation for the welfare of its employees.

BOSTON, C. A. *The spirit behind the Sherman anti-trust law.* Yale Law Journ., Mar., 1912.

CANFIELD, G. F. *Competition, the safeguard and promoter of general welfare.* Ann. Am. Acad., July, 1912.

Shows the wide field of competition still existing.

CLARK, J. B. *The possibility of competition in commerce and industry.* Ann. Am. Acad., July, 1912.

Contends that it is possible so to change our laws that competition may be preserved and its benefits retained without a destructive warfare on trusts.

DAVIS, W. H. *Patents.* Sch. of Mines Qr., Apr., 1912.

DAWSON, M. M. *Publicity of accounts of industrial corporations.* Ann. Am. Acad., July, 1912.

Advocates a bureau at Washington for the purpose of maintaining a department for the filing of corporation reports, with provision for investigation where there is suspicion that false statements have been made.

EVANS, H. *The Standard Oil and American Tobacco cases.* Univ. of Pa. Law Rev., Feb., 1912.

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### Money, Prices, Credit, and Banking

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- ANSLAUX, M. *La concentration des banques allemandes.* Bull. Inst. Solvay, No. 20, 1912. Pp. 7.

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- BRANDT, T. R. *The Fowler banking and currency bill.* Bankers Mag., June, 1912. Pp. 3.

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- COHEN, E. *Les caisses d'épargne. Comment elles sont organisées et fonctionnent; de quelles améliorations elles sont susceptibles.* (Third paper). Rev. Intern. du Com., Mar. 31, 1912. Pp. 25.

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HITCHCOCK, G. M. *Local reserve associations*. Journ. Am. Bankers Assoc., Apr., 1912. Pp. 4.

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McDOUGALL, E. C. *Reserve Association and country banks.* Moody's Mag., May, 1912. Pp. 3.

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The regular annual report on prices in the United States. An elaborate statistical study, showing actual wholesale prices of 257 commodities for each month of 1911, average annual prices for each year, 1890-1911, relative prices for each month of 1911 and each year 1890-1911, as compared with the average for 1890-1899. Statistics are given in great detail and commodities are grouped in various ways. Full explanation of work, but little discussion of causes.

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Brief summary of report by Canadian Dept. of Labour, Ottawa, 1912.

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ARONSON, H. *Rural housing*. Westminster Rev., June, 1912. Pp. 8.

The British Housing Act of 1890 failed to promote rural building because its administration lay in the hands of the rural district councils. The Housing and Town Planning Act of 1909 has increased several fold the annual condemnation of unsanitary cottages and the building of municipal cottages. Still, cottages erected cannot be rented at a price which the agricultural laborer can pay and be self-supporting. In Ireland the government bears 36 per cent of the annual charge in respect to each loan obtained by a Rural District Council. The Griffith Boscawen housing bill of 1912 seeks to apply the same principle to England.

HOBSON, C. *Walkley, a fifty-year-old workingman's garden suburb*. Town Planning Rev., Apr., 1912. Pp. 7.

Describes land societies of 3000 workingmen members which developed about 292 acres in the suburbs of Sheffield. The movement does not grow because of "the exorbitant demands made by the Sheffield Corporation during recent years for road dedication."

HUBERT-VALLEROUX. *A propos de la cherté des loyers*. Réf. Soc., June 1, 1912. Pp. 8.

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POHLE, L. *Wohnungsmarkt und Wohnungspreise in Zürich von 1896 bis 1910.* Zeitschr. f. Socialw., Jan. 3, 1912. Pp. 2.

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SONTAR, A. S. *Some notes on the act in practise.* Town Planning Rev., Apr., 1912. Pp. 7.

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STRONG, H. *What kind of homes? How a chamber of commerce has helped solve the housing problem.* Am. City, Apr., 1912. Pp. 5.

Outlines what has been accomplished by the housing committee of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce in surveying and reporting unsanitary dwellings, improving building and health laws, and reorganizing the Board of Health with a tenement house division.

————— *Extract from debates in the House of Commons on small holdings, the Housing and Town Planning Act and rural housing, the Cottage Homes for Aged Persons bill, and the Acquisition of Land bill.* Land Values, Supplement, May, 1912. Pp. 12.

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